ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್ (ಶಿಕ್ಕೋಟಿ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಉತ್ತರ 'ಬಿ' ನಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಾರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರಿಂದ ೧೯೭೪ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂ.ಎನ್ ಪಿಯು ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಗುರುತಿಸಲಾದ ಹಾಗೂ ೧೯೭೬ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಂದ ಗುರುತಿಸಲಾದ ಗ್ರಾಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿಗಳನ್ನೊ ವಗಿಸಲು ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿರುವಿರಿ. ಆಲ್ಲಿಂದೀಚೆಗೆ ಬಿಜಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತಾವು ಎಷ್ಟು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ಎಂ.ಎನ್ ಪಿಯು ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಿ.ಡಿ.ಓ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಗುರ್ತಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ ? ಹಾಗೂ ಆಲ್ಲಿ ಏನೇನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—೧೦೮ ಮತ್ತು ೭೦.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ತಮ್ಮ ಉತ್ತರ 'ಸಿ'ಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತೋಡಿರುವ ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ೨೨೪ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಕ್ಸೆಸ್‌ಫುಲ್ ಆಗಿವೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಎಷ್ಟು ಆಗಿಲ್ಲ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—೨೭೩ ಕಂಪ್ಲೀಟ್ ಆಗಿವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ್.—ಕೈ ಪಂಪುಗಳನ್ನು ದೋಷವಿಮುಕ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಕಾಲ ಬಾಳಿಕೆ ಬರುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುವರೆ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಾವು ಹೌದು ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವಿರಿ. ಈಗ ಕೆಲವು ಕೈ ಪಂಪುಗಳು ಕೆಟ್ಟುಹೋಗಿವೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆಲವು ಕೆಟ್ಟುಹೋಗುವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿವೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೇನಾದರೂ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪ್ರಭಾಕರ್.—ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಂಬಂಧ ಪಟ್ಟ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ಗಳು, ಇಲಾಖೆಯವರೂ ಹಾಗೂ ತಜ್ಞರು ಕುಳಿತು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕಂಡು ಹಿಡಿದು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇವೆ. The matter is under process.

(Held over from 5th list

Collection of Interest from Consumers of Electricity

390 SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum) —Will the Minister of State for Information and Youth Services be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Karnataka Electricity Board is collecting interest from the Electricity Consumers for the year 1975-76 in Belgaum City ;

(b) if so, the reason ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the bills of the Amalgamated Electricity Company were issued late in the year 1975 76 to the consumers in Belgaum ;

(d) if so, whether it is not a fact that Amalgamated Electricity bill forms had not mentioned about the interest to be levied for the late bill payers ;

(e) whether the Government intends to direct the Board to refund the interest collected by it ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS (Minister of State for Information and Youth Services).—

(a) Interest on belated payment of Bills has to be collected for the period from January to December 1975 ;

(b) It was not collected earlier, because the erstwhile licensee staff was continued and they were not conversant with K.E.B. Rules.

(c) The bills only in respect of March, 1975 were issued during May, 1975 as the same could not be issued earlier on account of a court injunction.

(d) Yes, but it had been endorsed on the bills that supply would be governed by Karnataka Electricity Board Rules.

(e) No.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know when the K.E.B. had taken over this Amalgamated Electricity Company, Belgaum ?

* SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—We have furnished it in the answer.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—In which year, it had been taken over ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—It is in the year 1974.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Is it not a fact that the bill forms of the Amalgamated Electricity Company are issued to the consumers after the taking over of the above Company ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—I have made it amply clear that though this private undertaking was taken over by the Government, the staff belonging to the private undertakings were continued for some time and also some of the bills etc., which were available to us was being used instead of being wasted. It is also a fact that the Amalgamated Electricity Company in its bill had only printed a provision for payment of rebate for prompt payment and there was no mention of any interest for belated payment but a seal had been affixed on that to the effect that hereafter the tariff will be governed by the K.E.B. Rules. This was also made very clear. According to the K.E.B. rules, we are obliged to collect interest on belated payment and that is being demanded now.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—How can the consumer know the rules of the KEB when the bill forms of the Amalgamated Electricity Company are issued ! Whether the Hon. Minister is going to consider this fact ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—Though the forms originally printed by the Amalgamated Electricity Company were being used, it had been mentioned on those forms that hereafter they will be governed by the

KEB rules. So, the consumers had oppurtunity to know that they are no longer governed by the Amalgamated Electricity Company Rules.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—The consumer did not know the rules of the KEB. The bill forms of the Amalgamated Electricity Company are issued to the consumers and the KEB has not published any forms or rules to the consumers. In the absence of those things, how can the consumer know about it ? I therefore request the Government to reconsider these matter and refund the interest amount to the consumers.

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—The matter has been examined and the Government is not inclined to order any repayment of interest but if it is any question of recovery, then I will have it examined. If it is a question of repayment, it is not possible but if it is question of further recovery from the consumers, if we are satisfied that the consumers had no notice of these rules, then I will have it considered.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Will the Hon Minister going to order for making some adjustment and see that the interest amount which the KEB had collected from the consumers is adjusted to the remaining amount ?

SRI K. H. SRINIVAS.—So far as the interest amount that has been collected is concerned, that is the end of the matter because under rules, we were obliged to collect it and we have collected it. If the hon. Member feels that some of the consumers had no notice of these rules at all and now some interest amount is sought to be recovered after a lapse of time, then only to that extent, I will have the matter reconsidered.

(Held over from 29 List)

Work of the Kabini Right Bank Canal

596 SRI M.C. BASAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:

(a) programme of works in the Kabini Bank Canal approved for 1978-79;

(b) the estimated cost of the works programmed for that year.

(c) the achievements financial and physical upto the end of 31st December 1978 of the said works?